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celebrates 50th  
wedding  
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Elba Band  
enjoys Blue Man  
Group while in  
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Elba JV Tigers  
sweep New  
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# The Elba Clipper

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## Terry Weeks retiring as Coffee County Schools superintendent

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, March 15 in a special meeting during which the upcoming retirement of Superintendent Terry Weeks was acknowledged by the board.

In a letter of retirement to the board, Weeks plans to retire on July 1, 2018.

During last week's meeting, board members voted to amend its contractual agreement with Weeks to make way for his July 1st retirement.

The board now faces the task of searching for the school systems next superintendent.

A work session followed by board meeting on

Tuesday, March 20, of this week had the board discussing the process, including: a superintendent search

timeline, search qualifications, a search brochure, the search application, and search survey.

According to board members, they will be seeking input from the school system's parents, teachers, etc. on what they would like to see in the next superintendent of Coffee County Schools via the search survey.

The board hopes to have the job vacancy posted soon to get the search process officially underway.

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With downtown Chicago behind them, the Elba Marching Tiger Band members pose for a photo Saturday morning, March 17, prior to the start of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade. Turn to pages 6 & 7 for more from the band's trip.

## Marching Tigers represent Elba in Chicago

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Well over a year of planning, fund raising, excited anticipation and more culminated Saturday, March 17, in Chicago, Illinois for the Elba Marching Tiger Band.

Nearly 100 Elba City Schools students marched and performed in the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade. Their audience was hundreds of thousands of people, as well as, millions more on television and social media.

The students were accompanied by director Shaun Hammonds, his band staff, and a large group of parent chaperones. The entire 'band' group traveling via charter buses was just over 130 people, and several other Elba parents and supporters also made their way to Chicago separately.

"We have a wonderful group of kids that represent a fantastic community,"

said band parent and trip chaperone Ken Wilson before the start of Saturday's parade. "We are so glad and thankful for everything Elba has done to allow us to be here."

He said this was an once-in-a-lifetime event for the band students, and all the parents and fans in Chicago were excited to see the band march by them as part of the huge celebration. He said the people of Elba made it all possible, and everyone was extremely thankful.

"Thank you Elba, Alabama...the greatest place on earth," Wilson said. "And we are happy to

be here representing a wonderful, wonderful city."

The band left Elba on Wednesday, March 14,

and after a 16-hour bus trip the group arrived in Chicago on Thursday morning where two days of tours and fun began.

Thursday's highlights included an architectural tour of the city, experiencing real 'deep dish' Chicago-style pizza, touring the

Museum of Science and Industry, and visiting the Navy Pier.

On Friday, the band experienced the thrill of SkyDeck Chicago, a tour of

the Field Museum, supper at the Hard Rock Café, and they enjoyed a live theatre performance of the Blue Man Group.

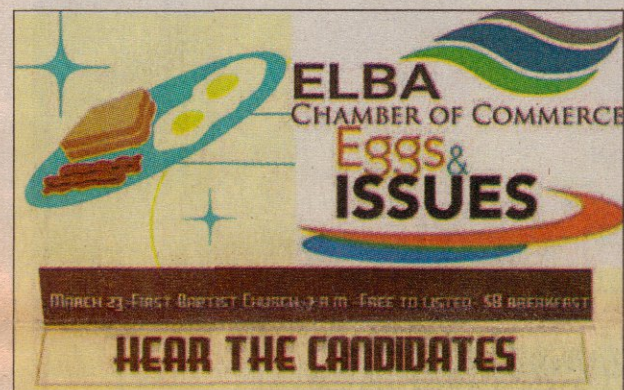
The big event came Saturday and the weather was perfect for a parade, although the temperatures were a bit more chilly than the Elba crew was accustomed to with temps in the 30s early on in the day.

"We are super excited and ready to go," said band director Shaun Hammonds after arriving on site for the parade line-up. "There are lots and lots of people here and it's very exciting for our program. This should be lots of fun!"

It proved to be just that! There was nothing but smiles and happiness to be found on any faces after the band completed its participation in the parade.

Hammonds said the band made a great impression on

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## Elba Chamber to host Eggs & Issues event this Friday morning, March 23rd

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "Eggs & Issues" meeting Friday morning, March 23, inside the social hall of Elba First Baptist Church.

Severa political candidates seeking office are signed up to speak during the meeting. Each candidate will have a timed allotment of 3-minutes to address the audience regarding his/her candidacy platform.

The event is set to begin

at 7 a.m. It is free to come and listen to the speakers.

For those [only] who wish to enjoy breakfast, the cost will be \$8. To sign-up for the breakfast, call the Elba Chamber at (334) 897-3125 or email: elbachamber@troycable.net

## Public Notices "For your right to know"

Public notices in The Elba Clipper this week include the usual mortgage foreclosures and estate notices dealing with deceased Coffee County citizens. Also included are notices of a Zoning Board meeting, Fire Department requesting bids and a extensive list of unpaid real estate taxes.

The property owners still have plenty of time to satisfy the tax issues before the scheduled April 24th sale date. Different rules apply to any mortgage foreclosure being advertised but the current owners also have until sale day to satisfy the issues and usually have a grace period in which they can redeem the mortgaged property. (pages 8, 9 & 10)

**LEGAL POSTED INCLUDE (pages 8, 9 & 10)**  
•Elba Zoning Board meeting set for Tuesday, April 3rd

•Fire Department taking bids on new equipment  
•Unpaid property tax sale set for April 24th



Shiloh Kennels Club of the Shiloh community, just outside Elba, participated in the UFTA Nationals event recently in Whittington, Ill. Team members bring home trophies, with their dogs, were (from left): Don Bradshaw, Clint Bradshaw, Terrence Jackson, Daniel Stephens, and Haley Kirkland. See more on Page 10.

## Shiloh Kennels represents Elba at UFTA Nationals event

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The UFTA (United Field Trialers Association) held its Nationals event Feb. 23 - March 3 at Wayne Fitzgerald Park in Whittington, Illinois.

The event was hosted by Season's Lodge at Rend Lake Golf Resort.

The local area was represented in the finals by the Shiloh Kennels Club, located in the Shiloh community just outside of Elba. Team Shiloh Kennels was sponsored at the Nationals event by Custom Collars of Opp, Ala.

Team Shiloh brought home some new hardware this year from the finals with several dogs and their

handlers placing in the events.

Terrence Jackson's dog "YoYo" placed third and Valley placed fourth in the Open Flushing finals. Also, making it to the finals was Shiloh's Bella, handled by Clint Bradshaw, and River, handled by Jackson.

Dogs Valley and River, handled by Clint Bradshaw and Terrence Jackson, along with dog Grace, handled by Don Bradshaw and Daniel Stephens, all made it to the Flushing Double Finals. River took second place and Valley took fifth place.

Dogs Bella, Briggs, and Joe were ran by Haley Kirkland in the Women's Flushing Division and they

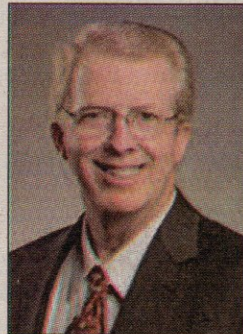
took sixth, eighth, and nine places respectively this year.

## Chris Sells seeks re-election for Alabama House seat, District 90

Representative Chris Sells announces he is seeking re-election to the Alabama House of Representatives to represent District 90.

Sells was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 2014 as a Republican and is seeking his second term as Representative for House District 90. Alabama House District 90 encompasses Butler and Crenshaw counties, as well as parts of Coffee, Conecuh, and Montgomery counties.

"We have accomplished some great things over the past four years in Alabama. We have seen strong economic growth, a 40% decrease in unemployment, and \$700 million increase in education funding statewide. Due to the progress as a state, District 90 has made great advances. The unemployment rate of Butler and Crenshaw counties has been cut from 6.6% to 4%."



Washington, America announced a \$23 million expansion in Greenville; and Luverne is partnering with the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority to install 160 solar panels for a solar energy research project. Our district is making strides, and I'm proud of that," said Rep. Sells. "I look forward to campaigning for another four years to continue building on our progress."

Rep. Sells serves as Vice Chairman on the newly established Fiscal Responsibility Committee, a committee dedicated to ensuring tax dollars are spent in an efficient and accountable manner. He also serves as a member on the Commerce and Small Business committee and Ways and Means- General Fund committee.

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## Area Happenings

**THE MARCH MEETING FOR THE DAY WIREGRASS CHAPTER 99**, located in New Brockton, will be held Thursday, March 22, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

**ELBA CITY AND COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS** will be on Spring Break next week [March 26 - March 30].

**THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING** for Monday, March 26, has been cancelled. The next regular meeting for the Commission now will be Monday, April 9, at 9 a.m.

## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Well, *Fiddlesticks!* A friend stopped our work Monday with an e-mail that for a few moments took us back to our youth. Phrases such as - 'in like Flynn' (or Flint), 'straighten up and fly right', 'I'll be a monkey's uncle!', 'Knee high to a grasshopper' were just a few he included in the message. A younger sister read the e-mail as a forward and added another "I am going to snatch you bald headed". Charles Dickens summed it all up with one of his Christmas quotes, "Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home!" It was all a delightful stumble on a busy day, as after some wonderful "back when" dreams, reality returned and so did the "to-do" list for the day. The whole bag of memories released by the e-mail probably had a larger impact on this writer Monday because of a landmark birthday looming in a couple of weeks.

The Giving Garden is still in business and thriving. They have a special planting day set in a few weeks and both green thumbs and novices are invited to join in the "fun". Also a local Farmer's Market has a scheduled opening in April. It is tied in with the Giving Garden, located against the levee (behind the old jail and Folsom house)

Summer time is just around the corner, and no, we don't know why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes as they tried to board the Ark!

Ultra smart, deep thinker Stephen Hawkins died last week at the age of 76. He lived a remarkable life. We have often wondered how/why he was able to overcome awesome physical hurdles and do such masterful thinking and problem solving. Then thoughts turn to how many more solutions could be found if the rest of us were confined to a wheel chair with only our thoughts. Oh, Hawkins was not all business, he was a big Star Wars fan and often wove the science fictions stories into his official revelations. Maybe that was just to lighten up the discussion, or it could be he saw more truth than fiction in those Star Wars story lines.

In Silicon Valley in California (where a large hunk of the U. S. computer tech folks live and work) the recent government hard line on immigration may have opened a golden opportunity to other countries. The feds have not yet stopped all foreigners from entering the U. S. but have slowed down visa approvals to a crawl, effectively stopping these high tech folks from other countries from getting jobs at the U. S. facilities. So it is not just the Mexican fruit pickers and construction workers who are being shut out. Now if this visa slowdown or stoppage (or both) continues down this road, you can look for the high tech computer industry to follow the garment industry and leave some big empty buildings across America. Reports are that a number of other countries are chomping at the bits and openly rolling out the welcome mat to this high tech industry.

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Mar. 12, investigated the following incidents: one criminal mischief, three for theft of property, one for menacing, one harassment, one damage to a vehicle, one recovering stolen property, one gas drive off, two for burglary, two for domestic violence, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one receiving stolen property, one fleeing, one possession of a pistol without a permit, one suspicious circumstances, and one hit and run.

Arrests made during the week included: one for theft of property, eight for failure to appear, one for possession

of marijuana, one for receiving stolen property, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for fleeing and attempting to elude, one for possession of a pistol without a permit, and one for menacing.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for speeding, one for an open container, and one for operating a vehicle without insurance.

**MONDAY, MAR. 12** – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1792 Highland Dr. (5:18 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1524 Smith Ave. (7:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 371 Tiger Dr. (9:13 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 419

County Rd. 367 (8:29 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2388 County Rd. 223 (8:57 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, MAR. 13** – Two-vehicle wreck reported in front of 14497 Hwy. 84 (4:34 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 84 E in the Shiloh Community (4:34 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported next door to 1239 Ann St. (9:02 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 14** – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 22 County Rd. 360 (3:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3585 County Rd. 105 (11:06 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched on a medical call to 30475 Hwy. 87 (11:48 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 622 Jackson St. (12:17 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 30475 Hwy. 87 (12:31 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1818 County Rd. 217 (3:34 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported near 1259 Hwy. 203 (3:39 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 287 County Rd. 417 (6:42 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, MAR. 15** – Two-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 166 near Tiger Dr. (7:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2476 County Rd. 308 (4:29 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 605 County Rd. 114 (4:40 p.m.); Possible burglary reported at 200 Brunson St. (6:31 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, MAR. 16** – Domestic disturbance reported in front of the package store on Hwy. 203 (6:28 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at 529 N. Claxton Ave. (7:00 p.m.); Possible prowler reported on Hickman Ave. (11:52 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, MAR. 17** – Possible breaking and entering reported at the first house on the right on Lakeview Dr. (11:29 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, MAR. 18** – Possible prowler reported on Larkin Rd. (10:16 p.m.).

by Linda Hodge, Editor

St. Patrick's Day in Chicago promised to be a delight for the Elba Marching Tiger Band and those who followed the band there.

It lived up to that promise!

Right away after arriving at the staging area for the parade, it was clear this was going to be like no parade anyone from Elba on the trip had experienced.

We claimed our spot on the parade route as soon as we arrived and braved the C-O-L-D morning to wait for this Marching Tigers parade in front of us. Before long, I realized the definite need for the early arrival as the crowd on each side of the road was five and six people deep everywhere you looked.

Where in the world did all these people come from?

There was green everywhere and greeting of "Top of the Mornin' to You!" could be heard all along the way. I looked across the way and there stood a man dressed as a Leprechaun, and yes, he had his pot of gold down by his feet! What a delight!

I knew at that moment, this was going to be a fun-filled St. Paddy's Day in the Windy City of Chicago.

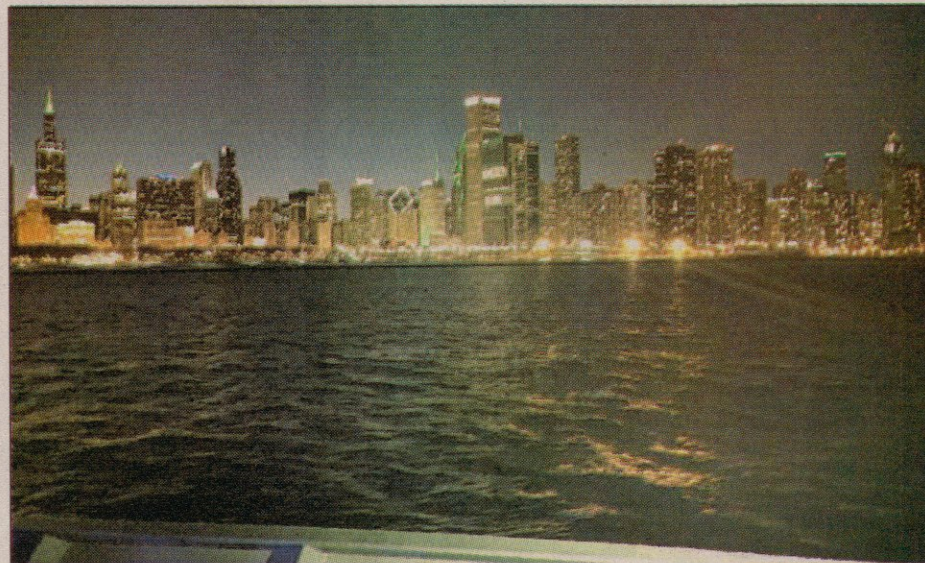
The parade began... and the anticipation of seeing the Marching Tigers grew much larger!

There were walking units, marching bands, traditional Irish bands with bag pipes -- those were amazing to hear in person, floats and more. And, more than anything, there was enough Irish cheer to last a lifetime!

There was even that one guy who had already indulged a bit too much in the Irish whiskey and he soon found himself being helped off the parade route



The Elba Marching Tiger Band in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago!



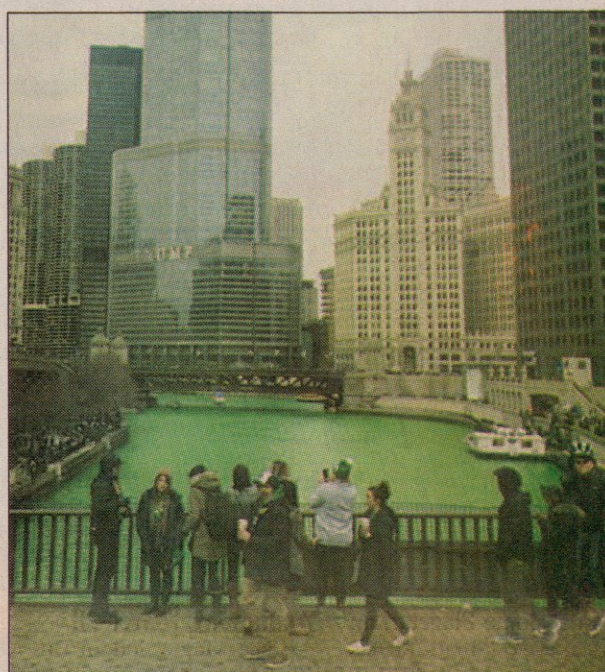
A beautiful night view of Chicago from Lake Michigan on Saturday night!

by Chicago's finest. It appeared a quick trip to the medical facility to get "checked out" would be followed by a nice rest in a jail cell for that poor lad.

But, that did not even slow the parade down as the units continued to make their way along the route.

When the Marching Tigers made their way past their 'fans' on Saturday, there was no doubt they were this group's top act of the day. The cheers most likely could be heard from a mile away.

A dream that began a little over a year ago, came to fruition, and the Marching Tigers could not have done a better job in representing their city and school. They made Elba proud in Chicago!



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### Alma Davis

March 28, 1943 – Jan. 6, 2018

**Happy Anniversary**  
to my darling wife,  
Alma Davis,  
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Those 33 years were the best  
of my life.

**Happy 75th Birthday**  
in Heaven on March 28, 2018.

*Proverbs 31: 10-31 describes Alma best. She was the best wife, sister, aunt, step-mother, more precious than jewels, silver or gold. She made sure her husband, household, family and friends needs were met whether by prayers, food, and items she made for them. This was showing love and compassion to them and she always had a smile. Love for her husband, Jimmy Davis, was known to him, especially by her last words to him, "I Love You."*  
I miss you, Alma, every day and life will never be the same, but I will see you in Heaven.

**Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday my Love.**  
Love Forever and Always,  
**Your Husband, Jimmy Davis**



# LIFESTYLES



John and Kathie Tallas of Enterprise

## Tallas' celebrate 50 years of marriage

John Cecil Tallas and Mary Catherine (Kathie) Blankenship were united in holy matrimony on March 30, 1968 in Cool, Texas.

They were married in the home of Kathie's parents in a union that was begun on a shoestring. Their five decade marriage would take them to various overseas and state-side locations as part of John's military career and Kathie's dedication as a military wife and mother.

John would serve two combat tours to Vietnam. He, Kathie and family would live on Okinawa and visit Taiwan, the Philippines and Hong Kong. They would also reside in Texas, Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, Kansas and Alabama.

Their family consists of three children: Tami Tallas Burrows (deceased), Steven R. Tallas and John C. Tallas Jr. They have three grandchildren: Amy Bewer, Matthew Ray and his wife Mychaela and Brent Ray and his fiancé Caroline Harper. Matthew and Mychaela provided them with their first great-grandson, Colten.

John and Kathie reside outside of Enterprise, Ala., where they have lived since 1985. They have numerous fur babies and are thoroughly enjoying their retirement.

## Elba Chamber set to host "Eggs and Issues" on Friday morning

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "Eggs & Issues" meeting, Friday morning, March 23, inside the social hall of Elba First Baptist Church.

With this being an election year, the Chamber encourages political candidates seeking office to sign up to speak during the meeting. Each candidate

will have a timed allotment of 3-minutes to address the audience.

The event is set to begin at 7 a.m. It is free to come and listen to the speakers.

For those [only] who wish to enjoy breakfast, the cost will be \$8. To sign-up for the breakfast, call the Elba Chamber at (334) 897-3125 or email: elbachamber@troycable.net

## Registration and Picture Day for Miss Elba Pageants set for Saturday, April 7

The 2018 Miss Elba Pageants registration and picture day is set for Saturday, April 7, at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, 329 Putnam Street in Elba.

Contestants must register and turn in entry fee by Saturday, April 7, in order to participate in this year's pageants.

Registration at 3 p.m. will be for Future Little Miss [5-6 years]; Little Miss [1st grade]; Junior Miss [9th-10th grades]; and Miss [17-21 years].

Registration at 4 p.m. will be for Baby Miss [0-18 months]; Toddler Miss [19-36 months]; and Tiny Miss [3-4 years]; Petite Miss [2nd-3rd grades]; Young Miss [4th-6th grades]; and Teen Miss [7th-8th grades].

To register early or for more information, contact Lauren Davis at (334) 282-4897 or misselbapageants@gmail.com.

## Piney Woods Arts Festival set for April 7th and 8th in Enterprise, Ala.

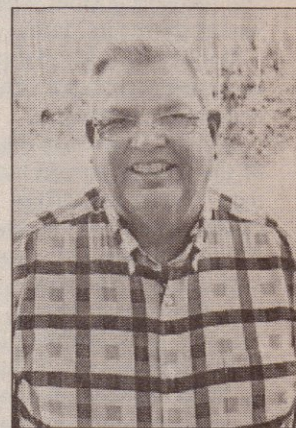
The 44th annual Piney Woods Arts Festival takes place Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and Sunday, April 8, from 12 – 4 p.m. on the running track of Enterprise State Community College.

One of the oldest juried arts and crafts shows in the area, Piney Woods features original art and crafts by approximately 100 artists, a children's fun center, food and entertainment. Special events include a Civil War Living Display and the Weevil City Cruisers Car and Truck Show (Saturday only across campus from

the arts festival). Admission is free.

For information, call 334-406-2787 or visit

## Birthday Boy



William Randle Hodge will turn 70-years-old on Monday, March 26th.

A birthday celebration lunch, hosted by his daughters Linda and Latisha, is set Saturday, March 24th.

Randle is a resident of Elba. He is retired from the City of Elba where he served for more than 14 years as the city's mechanic shop supervisor.

He is a 1967 graduate of Elba High School. Randle also served his country in the Army for one tour during the Vietnam War.

## Deadline for Lifestyles Page is Monday



Members of Rucker's Belles and Beaux 968 Chapter of the Confederacy ("CofC") met recently at the home of Chapter CofC director Pat Richter. Pictured (left to right): Pat Richter, Ally Richter, Abi Thompson, and Thomas Clark.

## Rucker's Belles and Beaux 968 Chapter of CofC met recently

Members of Rucker's Belles and Beaux 968 Chapter of the Children of the Confederacy ("CofC") met Monday, March 12, at the home of Chapter CofC director Pat Richter.

The meeting was called to order by President Abigail Thompson. Salutes and pledge were given: salute to the Christian flag was led by Vice President Thomas Clark, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Recording Secretary Allyson Richter, and Abigail led salutes to the Alabama and Confederate flags.

Recording Secretary Ally Richter presented three supplemental certificates to Abi Thompson for her 4th great-granduncles, James A. Buie, Company A, 6th Regiment, Alabama infantry, William W. Buie, Company A, 6th Regiment, Alabama infantry, and Daniel C. Buie, Company A, 2nd Regiment Florida cavalry.

Five supplemental certificates were presented to Thomas Clark: 3rd great-grandfather Elisha H. Pittman, Company G, 1st Regiment, Alabama infantry; 4th great-grandfathers Alfred McGee, Clintonville Grays home guard, Alabama and John M. Whigham, Company K, 11th Regiment Florida

infantry; and 5th great-grandfathers William Dismukes, Coffee County home guard, Alabama and Joshua Lee, Company G, 57th Regiment Alabama infantry.

After adjournment, the

children enjoyed an ice cream party and games.

Rucker's Belles and Beaux 968 is sponsored by Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Enterprise.



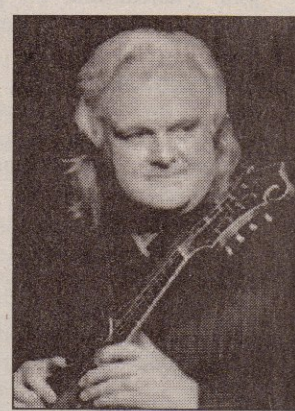
Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder Band

## Ricky Skaggs set to perform April 21st in Andalusia

Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder Band are coming to Andalusia on Saturday, April 21, for a fundraising event by the LBWCC Foundation.

"People who enjoy bluegrass or country music recognize the name of Ricky Skaggs," said Foundation President Kim Carter. "This event is for the whole family and will be held at the Kiwanis Center Fairgrounds in Andalusia. Be sure to bring your chair and enjoy an evening with one of the best entertainers in the country."

Skaggs racked up numerous music awards during his



Ricky Skaggs

40-plus year career, including 15 Grammy Awards, eight from the Country Music Association, nine from the International Bluegrass Music Association awards, nine from Inspirational Country Music Association, and two Dove Awards. Twelve of his singles hit number one on the Billboard Country charts, and he's had 12 Top 20 Country albums.

In 2012, he was inducted into the GMA's Gospel Music Hall of Fame and received the Cliffie Stone Pioneer Award from the

Academy of Country Music.

The Kentucky Thunder Band is an all-star lineup that includes Paul Brewster as tenor vocals on rhythm guitar, Russ Carson on banjo, Jake Workman on lead guitar, Mike Barnett on fiddle, Dennis Parker as baritone vocals on guitar, and Jeff Picker on bass guitar.

"This group of guys meets my approval every night," Skaggs said. "Each and every one of the pickers in Kentucky Thunder totally amazes me in every show...and that, to me, outweighs any award we could ever win."

Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder take the stage at 6 p.m. on April 21 at the Kiwanis Center Fairgrounds in Andalusia. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. with local performers.

Tickets are \$25 in advance online at [www.lbwcc.edu](http://www.lbwcc.edu), \$35 at the gate, and \$75 preferred seating.

Tickets are available in Andalusia at LBW Community College, Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce, CCB Community Bank, and Harold's Furniture and Flooring. In Greenville, tickets are available at Brian Moss State Farm.

General admission ticket holders should bring a lawn chair for the outdoor performance. In case of rain, the event will move inside.

LBWCC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to support programs and scholarships at LBW Community College.

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# CHICAGO

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the huge crowd along the parade route as it received huge ovations, and many compliments. He said the band members could not have done any better, and they definitely had represented their city well on this trip.

The band ended its tours of the city of Chicago on Saturday night during a celebration dinner cruise with dance on Lake Michigan. Hammonds said the band students had done every-

thing asked of them for this trip and the dinner cruise/dance was a great way to end the multi-day tour of Chicago.

"We had a job to do with the parade, and the kids did great," Hammonds said. "I think they had a terrific trip, and made memories that will last a lifetime. Again, we definitely have to thank Elba for everything it has done for us. The citizens, businesses, our school, and more made it

all possible. We could never say thank you enough!"

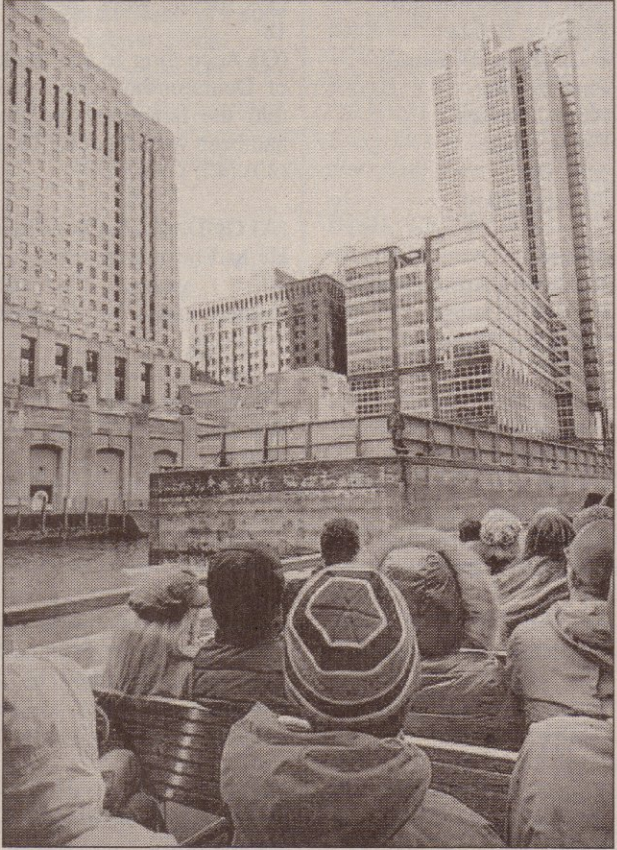
The band left Chicago early Sunday morning, March 18, and returned home just after midnight Monday, March 19, with many stories, photos, and more to share with family and friends.

"This was a great trip," Hammonds said. "And, I fully believe we represented Elba in a positive manner. The band students made me proud, and I believe we made our citizens proud too."

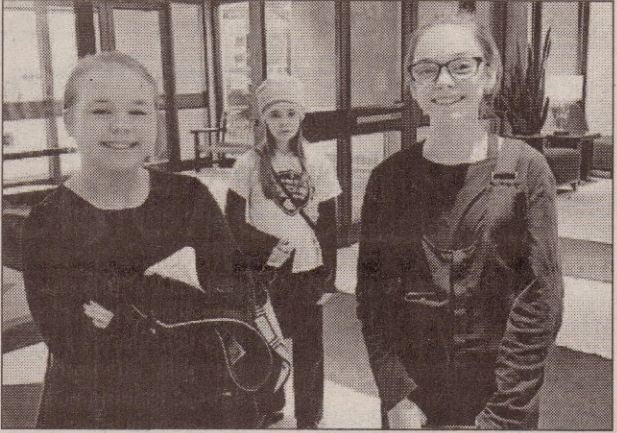
"It's great to be an Elba Tiger!!" Hammonds added.



A look across Chicago from atop the Willis Tower



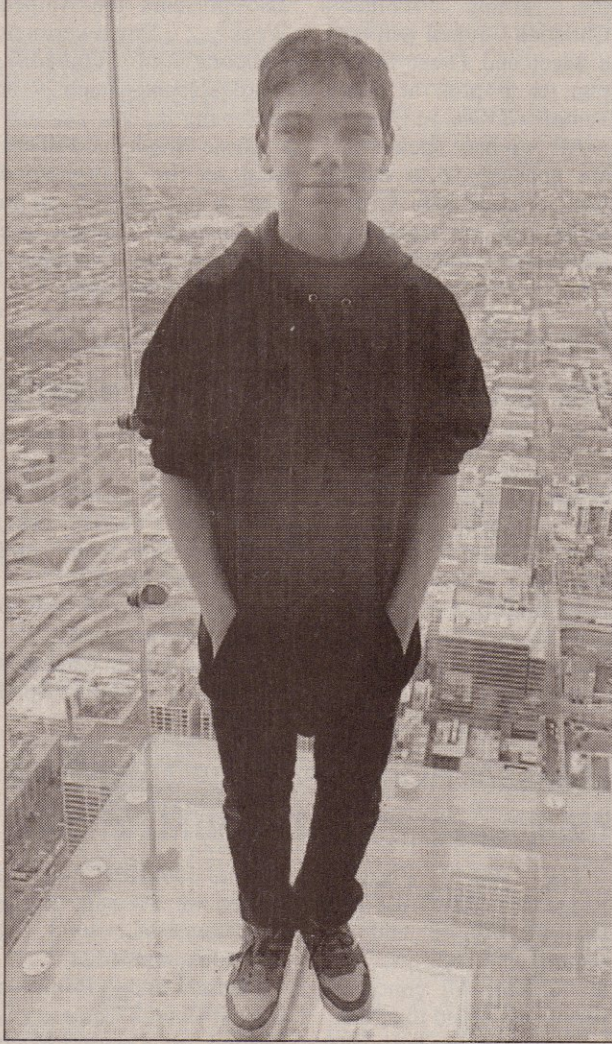
The band took a shoreline architectural tour of Chicago last Thursday aboard a boat.



Adalyn O'Neal, Kali Nicholson, and Faith Adcock were ready for the St. Patrick's Day Parade last Saturday morning after enjoying breakfast at the hotel.



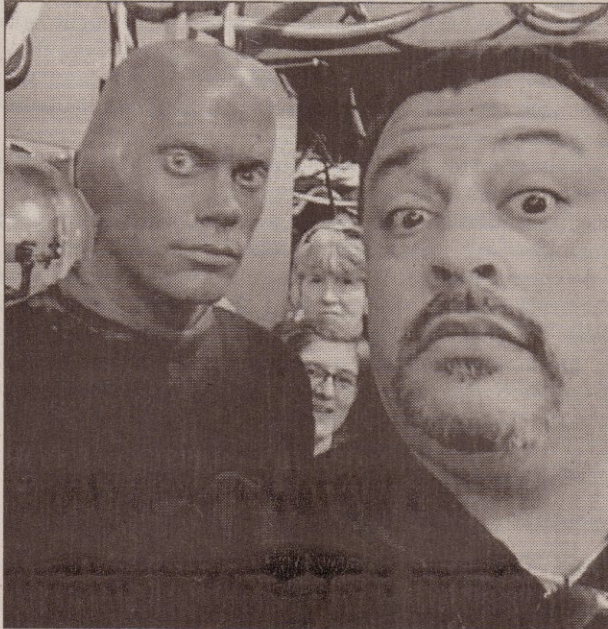
Taking a break while at SkyDeck Chicago!



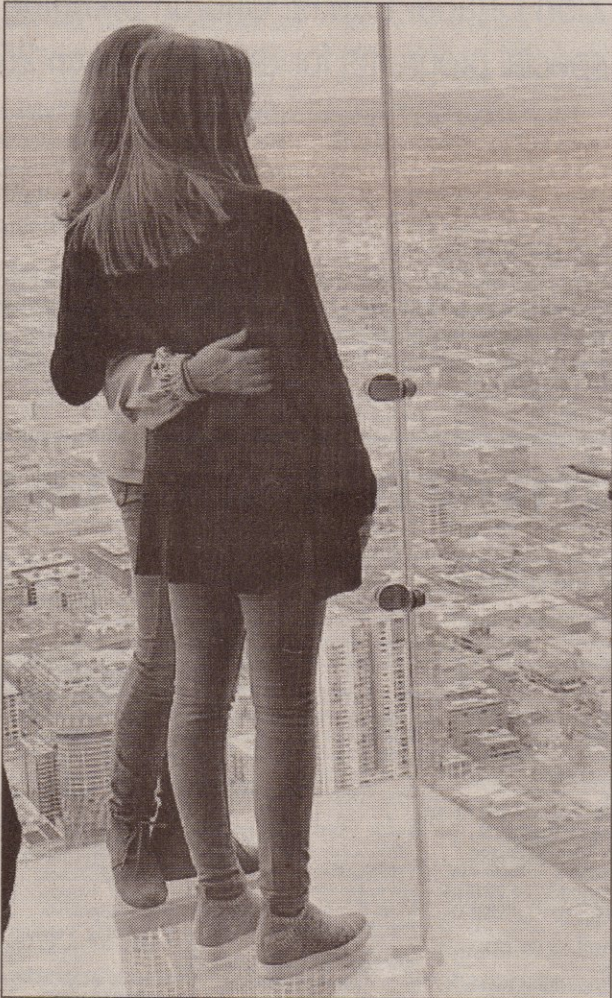
This band student enjoyed the thrill of standing over the city at the SkyDeck Chicago!



Enjoying SkyDeck Chicago last Friday morning.



Band director Shaun Hammonds got picked on a little bit by the Blue Man Group during the Friday night performance the band attended!



Destiny and Kate Hudson enjoying the SkyDeck Chicago together last Friday morning!



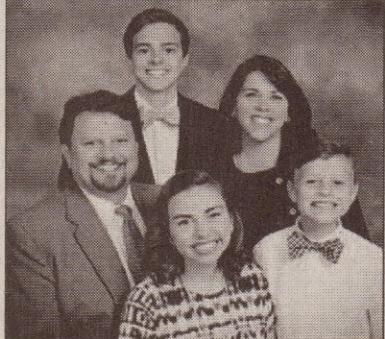
The band enjoyed eating at the Hard Rock Cafe in Chicago on Friday night before going to the Blue Man Group show at a local theatre.

## Philip BOX

COFFEE COUNTY CORONER

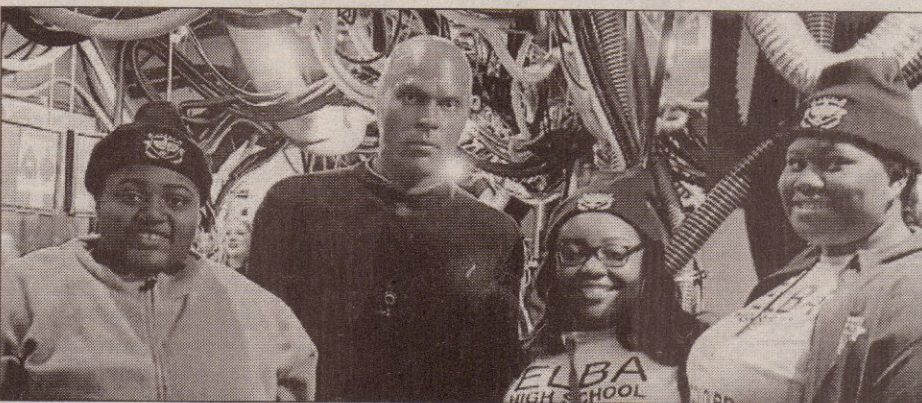
Professionalism  
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Compassion

Philip has served as Chief Deputy Coroner for Coffee County

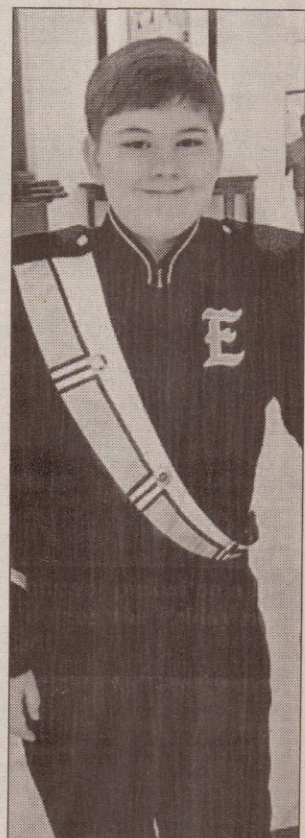


- ~ Current member of Alabama State Mortuary Operations Response Team (SMORT)
- ~ Licensed Funeral Director & Member of the Alabama Funeral Directors Association (AFDA)
- ~ FEMA Certified
- ~ Minister of Elba Church of Christ
- ~ Married to Paige for 19 years and Dad to Brantley, Bryson and Brewer
- ~ Graduate of Troy University with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and minor in Criminal Justice

Pd Pol Ad by Committee to Elect Philip Box, 1268 Highland Dr, Elba, AL 36323



Blue Man Group fun from Friday night!

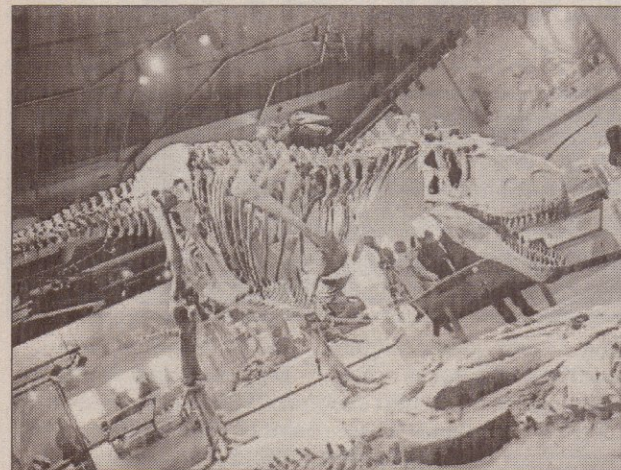


Ethan Pope was dressed and ready to go Saturday morning at the hotel as the band finished breakfast and awaited the call to load the bus!

**NEW SIGNATURE WRAPS.**

**NOW AT SUBWAY**

# More scenes from the Elba Marching Tiger Band's trip to Chicago



The dinosaur exhibits were a huge hit with the Elba group last Friday afternoon during their tour of the Field Museum in Chicago.



Ready for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago.



Some Elvis impersonators found the band while they were waiting for the start of the St. Patrick's Day Parade last Saturday morning.



Fun at the hotel Saturday morning while waiting to head into downtown Chicago for the parade.



All smiles while waiting for the parade to start!



Ready for the main event - Saturday's St. Patrick's Day Parade!



An overhead view of the Marching Tiger Band in the St. Patrick's Day parade!



Elba band members and chaperones looking across Chicago atop the Willis Tower on the 103rd floor. This is where the SkyDeck attraction is located.



On the bus headed to the next stop!



Drum Major Jessica Lewis



The Elba Marching Tigers had a large cheering section for last Saturday's parade, as shown here.



It was C-O-L-D on Saturday in Chicago, but the Elba fans in attendance were ready to see their band despite the temps outside!



Ready to depart for the St. Patrick's Day Parade



Waiting on the Blue Man Group performance to begin Friday night!



Loading the bus Saturday morning for the big parade!



Parade Ready!



The Elba Marching Tigers and Chaperones enjoying real "deep dish" pizza at Gino's East in Chicago on Thursday night!

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# COFFEE COUNTY TAX LIST CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

Wise Raymond H Sr & Raymond H Jr 13-07-35-0-000-006.000 S / T / R - 35/04n/19e A Par, Pt Of E 1/2 Of Sec 35 Desc As Comm Al Inter E Line Of Sec 35 & S Row Of Hwy 47 Th S 1200' To Pob Th S 1585' W 2180' N 1580' E 1890' To POBCont 72 Ac  
**Tax & Costs.....178.46**  
**Fees.....34.32**  
**Total.....212.78**

Wise Raymond H Sr & Raymond H Jr 13-07-36-0-000-003.000 S / T / R - 36/04n/19e Beg @ Sw Cor S 36 N 1590' E 1110' S 1590' W 1110 To POB  
**Tax & Costs.....110.77**  
**Fees.....20.46**  
**Total.....131.23**

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**Tax & Costs.....37.83**  
**Fees.....19.14**  
**Total.....56.97**

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**Tax & Costs.....45.27**  
**Fees.....42.90**  
**Total.....88.17**

## WEEKS

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Also during last Thursday's special meeting, the board voted to enter into an agreement with the Coffee County Commission and Coffee County Sheriff's Department to provide a third School Resource Officer (SRO) for the system. This was a welcomed addition by board members as they indicated the safety of the schools is a number

one priority for the board. Additional personnel matters approved in the meeting were:

- Accept the resignation of Jennifer C. Lee as principal of Kinston High School. Her last workday is set for June 30th.

- Accept the resignation of Carla Whitaker, a bus driver for New Brockton Schools. Her last workday was March 8th.

## SELLS

(Continued from Page ONE)

Rep. Sells moved to Greenville in 1990 where he started three business, all of which are still in operation today. He is an active member and past president of the Greenville Kiwanis Club and is involved in other projects around the district.

Rep. Sells is married to Joyce Sells, and they are the parents of their daughter, Hannah. They attend Spring Hill Baptist Church.

To follow Rep. Sell's campaign for re-election, like and follow his Facebook page Chris Sells for House District 90.

## Extension Office offers Smart Yard series

Join the Coffee County Extension office in New Brockton, Ala. each Wednesday in April (4th - 25th) from 9-11 a.m. for home landscape tips.

Each week of the Smart Yards series will feature a topic timely to the lawn and garden needs. Learn the best management practices that will save time and help create an ideal landscape. Topics in the Smart Yard series include lawn weed control, adding color to the landscape, vegetable gardens, and managing wildlife in the landscape.

Each session is \$5 to attend, or attend all four sessions for \$15. For more information, or to reserve a space, contact the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

## PUBLIC NOTICES (CONTINUED from PAGE 8)

All Elba Clipper public notices are posted on the internet on our web site <elba-clipper.com> and on <<https://www.alabamapublicnotices.com>> for no extra charge

**ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Invitation to Submit Sealed Bids  
Date of Bid: 04-03-2018  
Time of Bid: 2:00 PM

At the above date and time, sealed bids will be accepted for:

One (1) or more TRAILER MOUNTED 6000PSI COMPRESSOR SYSTEM  
The officials of the purchaser reserve the right to accept the bid they deem is in the best interest of the purchasing entity and/or fire department. The purchaser shall be the final authority in determining compliance with the specifications. Questions concerning the technical specifications shall be directed to:

Contact: Drew Parker, Fire Chief Phone 334-447-5419; Email: [elbafdcchief@outlook.com](mailto:elbafdcchief@outlook.com)  
Bids shall be sealed and marked "Proposal for Trailer Mounted 6000PSI Compressor System," along with the date and time of the bid opening. The award will be made to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the requirements of the specifications. The purchaser shall not be responsible for bids opened in error which are incorrectly or inadequately marked.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days. All documents and bid forms required by the specifications shall be submitted in the original bid. No additions or modifications will be allowed after bids are opened.

The purchaser reserves the right to reject any or all bids with or without cause. Specifications are on file in the office of the purchaser. If interested, contact Pat Boothe, for bid package. Return bids to: Elba City Hall Street Address: 200 Buford St. City, State, Zip Code: Elba, AL 36323 Signed: Pat Boothe Title: Assistant City Clerk 3/15/20c

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BENNIE L. SCHOFIELD, DECEASED**

**CASE NO.: PC-2018-023**

### NOTICE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 13th day of March, 2018, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Harold Nobles, Administrator

C/O Wesley L. Laird Attorney for Estate 501 North Main Street, Opp, AL 36467 Phone: 334-493-9716 Fax: 334-493-9715 3/22, 29 & 4/5-paid

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE ELBA PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD** on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall. The meeting will be to consider the re-zoning of Parcel #: 1103073000014000 (a portion of Larkin Road) from M1 (Light Manufacturing District) Zone to a R2 (Single Family and Duplex Residential District) Zone. All interested parties are urged to attend. For more information, please contact William Worthington at (334) 897-2333 3/22,28-chg

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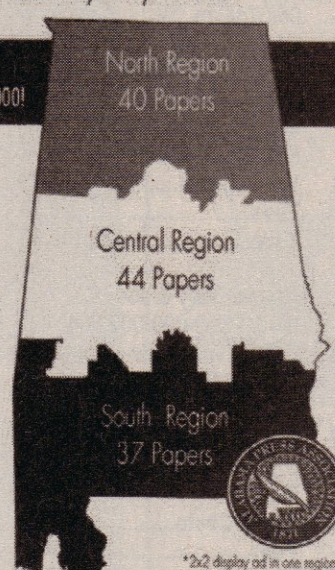
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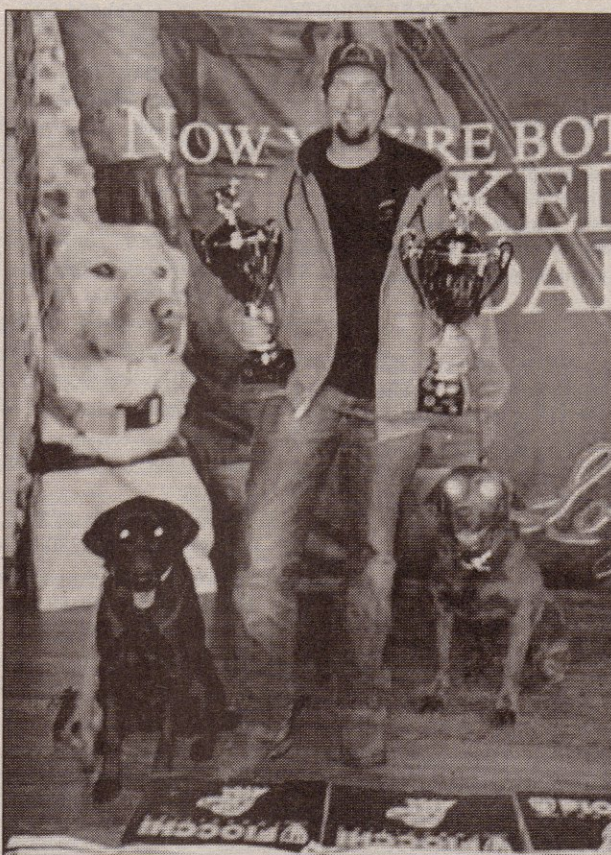
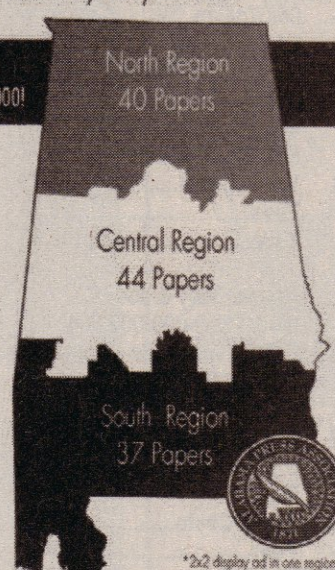


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Terrence Jackson of the Shiloh Kennels Team placed third with his dog, YoYo, and fourth with his dog, Valley, in the Open Flushing Finals of the UFTA Nationals. He also made the finals with his dog, River.



Clint Bradshaw of the Shiloh Kennels Team made the Open Flushing finals with his dog, Bella, at the UFTA Nationals. Bradshaw and teammate Terrence Jackson also placed with their dogs in the Flushing Doubles Finals - 2nd with River and fifth with Valley.

## Anna Marie Bowers recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda

Sigma Alpha Lambda has announced that Anna Marie Bowers, of Elba, Ala., has recently been recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda.

National Leadership and Honors Organization at the University of Alabama.

Sigma Alpha Lambda is a

national leadership and honors organization dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development, and lifelong professional fulfillment.



## LBWCC developing program to transfer work experience into college credit

LBW Community College is developing a program to transfer work experience into college credit, creating a pathway to achieve a college credential for those already in the workforce.

LBWCC is one of only 25 colleges selected by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to be awarded a \$10,000 Lumina Foundation for Education grant. The grant will fund the development of the "LBWCC Prior Learning Initiative" that will identify traditional work-based certifications, licenses, and learning experiences and convert them to college credit.

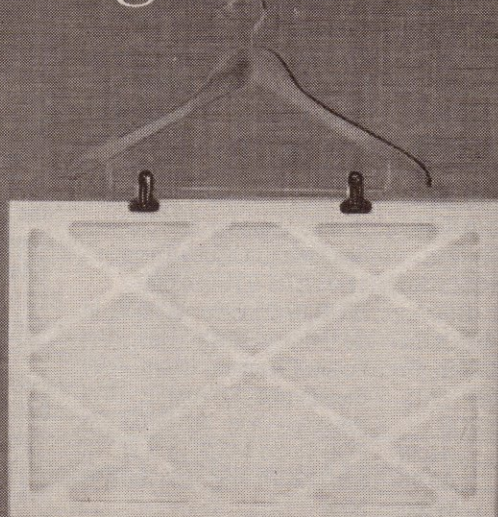
"With the grant funds, we can now pursue this approach to recognize non-traditional educational experiences and assess specific courses within a technical program to determine if college credit can be awarded," said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. "This type of program falls within our current strategic plan and aligns with statewide workforce development initiatives. Our goal is to increase degree completion in technical fields by developing non-credit-to-credit academic pathways."

The program will give existing skilled workers increased access, affordability, and success in attaining college credentials, he added.

The program is on a fast-paced development timeline, with LBWCC representatives attending a SACSCOC conference in Atlanta in April where they will learn about existing pathway programs and will receive tools and resources to aid in program development.

"We will learn from others who have already gone through the process of identifying specific courses to match work experience. This will allow us to develop the program more quickly, and we hope to have everything in place by the end of this year," said Riedel. "Because College personnel have longstanding relationships with these organizations, the 'Prior Learning Initiative' program will be a well-integrated project."

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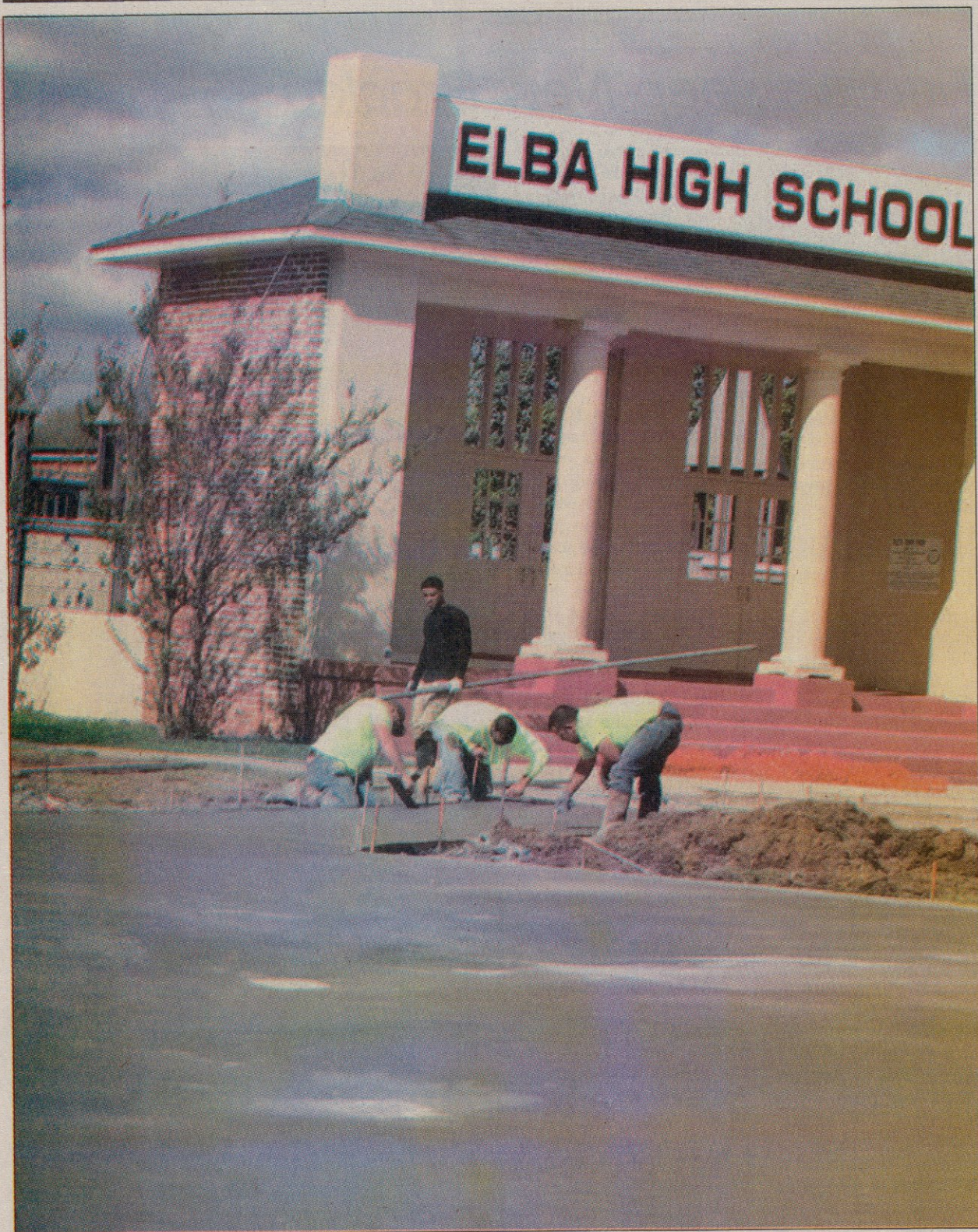


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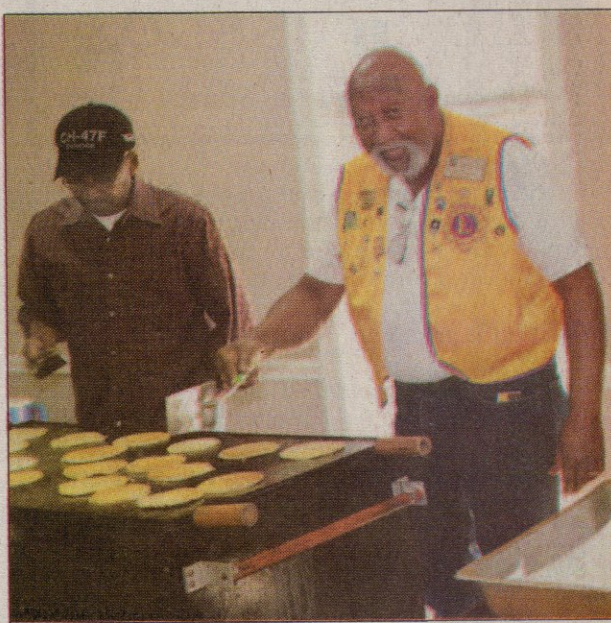
Contact: Mickey Murdock @ (334) 897-2333



# COMMUNITY NEWS



Scenes from the Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast held March 3rd



Cooking those famous pancakes!



While Johnny Senn and his family enjoy eating at this year's Elba Lions Club Pancake breakfast, former Elba resident Dean Blair (standing) catches up with his old friend. Early in their careers, the two men served together at members of the Elba Police Department.



Elba resident Lula Cole was among those to enjoy this year's Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast.



Jack and Gwen Mullinax and Wayne and Linda Grantham all agreed the food was a good as usual!



It is a tradition each year for families to gather together at the Elba Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast to not only enjoy a meal of fresh pancakes and sausage, but to also support the local civic organization in its endeavors. The Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast has been a long standing favorite for Elba citizens for many, many years!

THE NEW SPLASH PAD IN ELBA continues to take shape located on the Tiger Town Park property in downtown Elba. The pouring of concrete for the new recreational facility was nearing an end on Tuesday afternoon, March 20th as workers can be seen leveling the concrete on site. Once the concrete is set, the next step will be to add the water props to the splash pad area, and later, crews will apply the tuff coat paint. This new splash pad will include 2,600 feet of a water playground and a 5-ft wide concrete pad encircling the area. The project is estimated to be completed and open to the public for use in early May.

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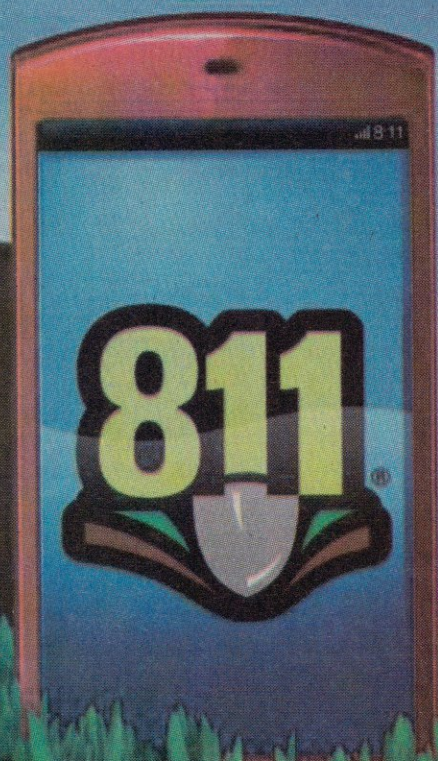
Bargain Day Tuesday • Bargain Matinees  
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## Road Closure Notices:

• **County Road 205 Scheduled Closure** for Drainage Improvements -- On Monday, March 26, the Coffee County Highway Department will begin replacing drainage pipes under County Road 205. A portion of County Road 205, 1/2 mile east of Alabama Highway 87, will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **County Road 477 Scheduled Closure** for Drainage Improvements -- On Tuesday, March 27, the Coffee County Highway Department will be replacing drainage pipes under County Road 477. A portion of County Road 477, 1/2 mile west of Alabama Highway 87, will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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